

will be appreciated that at least a part of a thread may be played in audio-only which comprises both listened comments and comments which have yet to be listened to in a predefined order. It will be appreciated that a “thread” may optionally also be referred to as a “topic” in at least one embodiment.

**[0162]** In yet a further embodiment, the system may allow a meeting to occur not in real time, such that users of the system can catch up on the comments and make comments when they are available between other tasks. This may be advantageous as this allows a meeting to progress regardless of busy schedules. The system preferably allows comments to be uploaded via an internet connection regardless of the physical device location that the user is using. In yet a further embodiment, the system may allow for a real time meeting that uses a combination of automatic inputs and manual inputs to identify the user making the comment and other key metadata required for the conversation structure and visualisation. An example of an automatic input may be voice or device identification to identify the user making a comment, a key word search, or artificial intelligence processing on comment text after voice to text conversion to determine other metadata. An example of manual inputs could be use of the structure questionnaire **900** during or after the meeting session to modify metadata on comments that appear in the meeting with ‘best-guess’ or default selections.

**[0163]** In at least one embodiment, a user may also be a member of a meeting. The system may also remove the need for a facilitator to be involved with a meeting to ensure that a meeting is progressed or remains on track.

**[0164]** Although the invention has been described with reference to specific examples, it will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the invention may be embodied in many other forms, in keeping with the broad principles and the spirit of the invention described herein.

**[0165]** The present invention and the described preferred embodiments specifically include at least one feature that is industrial applicable.

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

**1.** A system for managing a meeting, the system comprising;

a server adapted for storing at least one data set;  
the server in communication with at least one user device,  
in which the system is adapted to receive at least one input from at least one user for upload to the server;  
the input generates at least one further data set which is assigned to at least one thread of a discussion automatically by the server in which each of the at least one threads relate to a respective discussion;  
the at least one thread comprises at least one comment;  
and

wherein the system is adapted to output a graphical display for at least a portion of the discussion based on the at least one input from the at least one user device, such that when a further thread for a discussion is input, the system generates a further thread for the discussion.

**2.** The system as claimed in claim **1**, wherein the input from the at least one user device comprises at least one of; a further comment, a like, a dislike, and a vote.

**3.** The system as claimed in claim **1**, wherein at least one of the comment and the further comment comprises at least one of; audio data, video data, text data, images data, at least one document data set, and a web address.

**4.** The system as claimed in claim **1**, wherein each comment comprises at least one context item.

**5.** The system as claimed in claim **1**, wherein the system is adapted to generate at least one track for a thread when a comment is made by a user for a discussion.

**6.** The system as claimed in claim **1**, wherein the discussion is at least one of the group; a meeting, a conference, a poll, a forum and a convention.

**7.** The system as claimed in claim **1**, wherein the system uses a template to assign data for the graphical display of at least a portion of the discussion.

**8.** The system as claimed in claim **7**, wherein the template is a custom template generated by at least one user of the system.

**9.** The system as claimed in claim **1**, wherein the system generates a value associated with a comment.

**10.** The system as claimed in claim **9**, wherein the value is at least one of a tax and a reward, which is generated based on at least one of; a number of comments in the discussion, a length of the discussion and a level of agreement in the discussion.

**11.** The system as claimed in claim **10**, wherein a context item is a data set associated with at least one comment which comprises data which is related to at least one of a goal, a proposal, evidence and a meeting specific data set.

**12.** A system for managing a discussion, the system comprising;

a data set stored on a sever relating to a discussion for an issue, in which the discussion comprises at least one thread;

the at least one thread comprising at least one comment generated by at least one user of the system; and  
wherein the system is adapted to output a graphical display for at least a portion of the discussion based on the at least one input from the at least one user device, such that when a further thread of discussion is input, the system generates a further thread for the further thread of discussion.

**13.** The system as claimed in claim **12**, wherein the system generates at least one of a virtual tax and a virtual reward for generating a comment.

**14.** The system as claimed in claim **13**, wherein at least one of a virtual tax and a virtual reward is generated based on at least one context item associated with the discussion.

**15.** The system as claimed in claim **14**, wherein a comment can be associated with at least one context item.

**16.** The system as claimed in claim **12**, wherein the system provides an incentive to generate a constructive comment for a discussion.

**17.** The system as claimed in claim **12**, wherein a comment comprises at least one of audio data, video data, text data, images data, at least one document data set, and a web address.

**18.** The system as claimed in claim **12**, wherein the at least one user of the system is provided with an incentive to generate a summary for at least a part of the discussion.

**19.** The system as claimed in claim **18**, wherein the incentive is at least one of;

currency, virtual currency, talk time, number of comments available to be generated or access to a further meeting.

**20.** The system as claimed in claim **1**, wherein the discussion is not in real time.